REMARKS

Claims 1-62 are pending in the application. New claims 63-77 have been added by this amendment. Therefore, compound and composition claims 63-77 are at issue.

This preliminary amendment adds no new matter. The specification has been amended to insert a cross-reference to related applications. Support for new claims 63-76 can be found in originally filed claims 1-62 and throughout the specification. Support for new claim 77 can be found in originally filed claim 47, and particularly in originally filed claims 48, 51-56, and 59, and throughout the specification.

It is submitted that the new claims 63-77 are in a proper form for entry, and that all claims are in a proper form for examination. An early and favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Should the examiner wish to discuss the foregoing, or any matter of form in an effort to advance this application toward allowance, the examiner is urged to telephone the undersigned at the indicated number.

Respectfully submitted,

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